

Mabe Parish Council

C/o The Parish Office, MS Electrical, The Square, Mawnan Smith, Cornwall TR11 5EP

Minutes of the meeting extraordinary meeting of Mabe Parish Council held on Wednesday 31st October at 7.00pm, at the Mabe WI Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; P Tisdale (chair), C Cole, J Frost, T Kingsley, K Phillips, R Phillips, A Thomas, T Tindle & M Wilkinson. L Clements (Parish Clerk) & 0 members of the public

347.18 Safety Procedures - These were explained by the clerk

348.18 Apologies for absence - S Higgins,

349.18 Declarations of interest in Agenda Items - there was a question raised if Cllr R Phillips should make a declaration as his wife was a trustee of the WI & Parish Hall. Although this was discussed no definitive answer was made - advice was to be sought.

350.18 To receive quotes and discuss the provision of access to the Memorial Gardens.

Questions were raised on the ownership of the land the steps were to be built on; why the parish thought they had access rights in the first place; the ownership of the boundary wall; if the WI were aware of the project and supported it; why the steps were in this position; why not a ramp as previously discussed; maintenance of the current gardens and adjoining fence; safe access for contractors/ visitors. These discussions went on for some time but after a details proposal from Cllr Wilkinson it was agreed that the steps in the position of the current quote be accepted as 'Phase 1' of a wide access strategy when additional time and funding were available.

Proposed: Cllr K Phillips, **Seconded:** Cllr M Wilkinson 7 votes for; 1 against; 1 abstention

Discussions then took place as to whether to accept the current quote. Minor changes to the placement of the steps were agreed – with the first landing step to be within the confines of the wall rather than in the access path. Cllr R Phillips then presented further information about a manhole and drainage pipes (not previously disclosed or noted) which necessitated an adjournment of the meeting to go outside to review the area of wall/current steps.

Upon recommencement of the meeting it was proposed that the contractor be asked to do a further site visit asap with Cllr Tisdale to review the requirements of the quote.

It was agreed to accept the tabled quote of £2900 provided that amendments could be made. **Proposed:** Cllr Tindle **Seconded:** Cllr Kingsley 7 votes for; 2 abstentions

Cllr Tisdale reported that Tim Marsh had the piece of granite being engraved this week and hoped to have it installed as soon as possible. It was discussed and agreed that some form of (brass) commemorative plaque be arranged by the parish marking his generous contribution. The Packet newspaper was also to be contacted to report this memorial installation.

Summary: it was hoped that steps would be in by the 11th November and that the procession and official opening of the Garden would happen as planned. A quick clearance event up at the garden site would need to take place before the weekend. If not arrangements for provisional scaffolding steps to allow entrance up to the garden would be made. The Service of Remembrance would take place at the church at 11am, followed by members of the community meeting in the New Inn carpark prior to a procession up to the WI & Parish Hall and the laying of wreaths/ commemorations. A reading at the service (by Cllr Tisdale/ member of the parish council), followed by the blessing of the memorial by Revd. Smith and a poem read by the school would then take place before refreshments were served at the WI & Parish Hall. There was to be a community event at the MYCP Hall on the evening of Saturday 10th November, to which councillors were all invited.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm

Signed: 

8th November 2018

(Chair)

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